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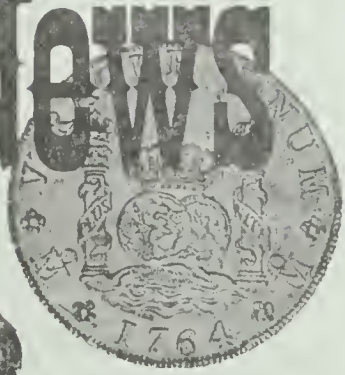

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OCTOBER

Interested in Greshom's Low? Then be sure to read Part 1 of an in-depth article by J. P. Jones of Waco in the November issue of **TNA NEWS.**

5th REMEMBER - The of November is the deadline for the December issue!

LYMAN BARTEE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have almost enough money now to complete the purchase of the 125 display cases that we contracted for. These cases will be F.O.B. San Antonio and there will also be some cost to have the proper identification placed on each one. There are still a few clubs that definitely should participate in this program. Won't you please send in your donation as soon as possible? We had two personal donations this month—Bob Medlar and Clark and Melba Coursey. Both Bob and the Courseys are great supporters of TNA in more ways than one.

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Texas was well represented in Miami at the ANA convention. Dave Cervin was winner of the Heath Literary Award and also placed second in the exhibit category of coins prior to 1500 A.D. Margaret Frantz took third place in a category and Joe Frantz placed third with his Latin American exhibit. Clyde Hubbard was one of the speakers at the educational forum and Virgil Hancock was on the panel of speakers at the Organization of International Numismatists forum. Ruby Threlkeld was elected first vice president of the Wooden Money Society. I am sure there were other TNA members on various programs or elected to office but I do not have that information. To all of the above—congratulations from all of TNA.

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Your TNA president talked with several Board members trying to get the ANA convention in Texas in 1978. I do not know what effect this had but we do know that Houston has been selected for that year. This is a big undertaking for Houston and Texas both. Now is the time for all of us to prepare to participate in every way possible.

We also visited with the officers of OIN regarding participation in the TNA convention in 1975 and were happy to learn that they will. We are also hoping to have again in 1975, the counterfeit seminar.

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The calendar year 1975 is nearing an end. Dues for 1975 willl be due soon. If you are a club treasurer, please be sure to send your club's dues in before you leave office. We need to build our membership up so let's each of us secure a new member before January 1.

Next year - 1975 - is election year and a call for nominations will go out in December. Now is the time to get your candidates lined up.

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TNA lost a truly great numismatist, friend and wise counselor in Charles Babcock. We will really miss Charlie.

LATIN AMERICAN NUMISMATICS

BY: BRENT BROWN

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DESIGN SIMILARITIES

Brent Brown

There are many very obvious similarities in the coins of the Latin American republics. These similarities are based partially on their Spanish background, on common ideas on independence, their native heritages, and the uniqueness of the republics. The use of the Spanish monetary system by the republics until the latter part of the 19th century is the most obvious similarity. The coins of Latin America are also alike in the honoring of heroes of the Independence movements, in the use of symbols representing freedom and independence, and the representation of pre-Columbian persons and events. These independent republics also use Spanish as the only language on a coin even though colonial issues used Latin legends.

Because of heavy Spanish influence some republics did not cast off the Spanish real-escudo system until the late 1800's. The nations now use a peso or a decimal equivalent as their monetary system. The peso is divided into 100 centavos and most nations have fractional coins of one, two, five, ten, twenty and fifty centavos. The use of the real-escudo system in the Latin American republics will be covered in a future article.

The citizens of Spanish America, spurred by the revolutions throughout the world and disgusted with many aspects of Spanish rule, fought and won their independence. Many of the patriots considered themselves quite abused by the Spanish and fought in the name of liberty, justice, equality and independence. The words LIBERTAD (liberty), JUSTICIA (justice), IQUALIDAD ANTE LE LEY (equality under the law), and INDEPENDENCIA (independence) appeared on post-revolutionary coinage and still appear on the coins of modern Latin America. The idea of liberty was very important to the republics and the word appeared on government documents, paper money and coins. Many adaptations of the concept of liberty are found on the coins. A liberty cap, liberty head, standing liberty, and natural symbols were used to represent liberty.

The liberty cap, a large beret-type cap usually on a pole, has been used extensively in Argentina and Mexico. All gold coins of Argentina have some form of the national emblem which includes the liberty cap on a pole held by two hands. Copper issues of the Mexican states following independence and silver federal issues of Mexico have a liberty cap with the word "LIBERTAD." Rays are shown emanating from the cap.

The bust of liberty with a head band with the word "LIBERTAD" on it was the dominant obverse design of Colombian gold coins from independence until 1919, when the Bogota mint began striking gold coins

with the bust of Bolivar. Various designs of the liberty head have appeared on numerous centavo issues of Argentina. The bust of liberty wearing a liberty cap still appears on the current Argentina 50 centavos and one peso coin. The liberty hust also appeared on gold five escudos struck in Ecuador from 1833-1843, on Guatemalan gold five pesos from 1872-1878, and from 1888-1922 a liberty head appears on Honduras coins along with the motto "CENTRO AMERICA 15 de SEPTIMBR de 1821," the date of Hondurian independence.

Beginning in 1839 Chile struck 8 escudo gold coins with a standing liberty which faintly resemhles our own standing liberty on 25-cent coins. Later peso coinage issues in Chile had liberty busts either with or without the traditional liberty cap. This liberty bust still appears on Chilean gold coins. Peru has issued gold with both standing and seated liberties and some state copper issue of the Mexican Republic have a seated liberty.

The concepts of human rights and liberties and the desire to preserve equality appear on numerous coins through the use of phrases associated with the nation's constitution such as IQUALIDAD ANTE LA LEY. This legend appears on early republican two and eight escudo issues in Chile and surrounds a central design which features an open book with a hand pointing to the word "CONSTITUCION." All the gold escudo issues of Mexico have a design with a hand holding a liberty cap on a pole pointing to the word LEY (law) in an open book. The motto "LA LIBERTAD EN LA LEY" (liberty in the law) appears on these gold coins. Later peso issues of Mexico have a scroll with the word LEY. Above the scroll are scales of justice and above these scales is a liberty cap with radiating rays.

Natural symhols of similar design such as mountains, trees, and the sun also appear as a common motif on South America coins. The sun first appeared on the revolutionary coinage of Venezuela in 1819. The Provinccias Unidas del Rioi de la Plata (Argentina) struck one, two, four and eight escudo gold coins on which the reverse is dominated by a large radiant sun with a face. Early copper and silver coins of Argentina also have the sun on the coin.

The sun was also used in design with mountains or volcanoes. The two escudo coin struck in Argentina in 1843 under General Rosas has a large mountain wtih a sun rising over it. Eight escudos coins struck by Rosas have mountains on the obverse with a small radiant sun on en the reverse. A design which appears on many Bolivian coins and is found on representations of the national arms, consists of a high-peaked, almost triangular shaped mountain wtih a sun rising over it. On one side of the mountain is a llama and on the other is a bundle of wheat. Early escudo gold issues of Chile feature a radiant sun rising over mountains and volcanoes. These coins have the familiar legend "ESTADO DE CHILE CONTIT. INDEPENDIENTE" (independent-constitutional state of Chile.)

During the first half of the 19th century the newly independent states of Central America formed the Central American Federation, a political and economic union. All coins struck by the Federation have a reverse design consisting of five peaks with a radiant sun rising over them. The sun's rays cover the entire field. These coins were struck at the mints in Guatemala and Costa Rica. Coins

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TEXAS TOKEN TOPICS

Interesting - Unusual

BY: JAMES L. RUHLAND
Vidor, Texas

TOKEN DENOMINATIONS

The most common token denominations are the standard 5, 10, 25, 50 and $1 series. These are easily collected, but beyond these there is an unlimited number of different and unusual denominations.

Collecting different denominations or unusual "Good Fors" is the method that many token collectors use to pursue their hobby. This has one good advantage in that they can add an unusual denomination to their collection without consideration to where it is from, thereby increasing the potential for finding new pieces that are needed and at a lower cost; because they are not restricted to any one state or type of token.

Since I am only interested in Texas trade tokens, but still want to give you an idea of what different denominations are available, I will list a few of the pieces I have. The common pieces listed above I will leave out because they are so easily obtainable they do not require mention.

(1c) Sour Lake Drug Co./ Sour Lake, Texas - This token was used as a premium piece similar to trading stamps. Circa 1918. The 1c token is not too hard to find. In my collection of over 2,000 Texas trade tokens, I probably have 20 different 1c pieces.

(2c) Pay-Less Drug Store/San Antonio, Texas - A premium token, but this one is fairly modern. This is the only 2c token I have from Texas.

(2½c) Capital Bar/Austin, Texas. An easy one to get as it was used on many of the early Texas bar and saloon tokens. Probably as many of the 2½c tokens to be found as there is of the 5c.

(4c) Haslam Lumber Company/ Haslam, Texas. This might seem like an unusual denomination, but consider that all tokens that were used as wages or in trade were discounted 20% if they were presented for cash redemption and you have a set of tokens in values of 4, 8, 20, 40 and 80c in place of the more common 5, 10, 25, 50 and $1. There were at least four lumber companies that used this

SCARCE TOKENS - The token at the left (obverse and reverse) is the hard-to-find $1.50 denomination from Grogan Manufacturing Company/Gladstell, Texas. The second token is the $2.00 from Strawn Coal Mining Company/Strawn, Texas, dated 1900. Dated tokens are unusual from anywhere.

built-in 20c idea on issuing their tokens.

(4/5 of One Nickel) - Cation Lumber Co./Avinger, Texas. This is just a hard way to make a 4c token. The only company that I know of that issued this one.

(6¼c) John B. Redmond/Carrizo, Tex. - 6¼c is one half of a bit which was common in the old saloon days, but this is an extremely hard denomination to find in Texas tokens. Quite a few are available from other states.

(7½c) Dietz Geffert/Victoria, Texas - Another tough one.

(8c) Haslam Lumber Company/Haslam, Texas - See 4c type.

(4/5 of One Dime) Cation Lumber Co./Avinger, Texas - See 4/5 of One Nickel.

(12½c) This is one bit or half of a quarter so it is quite common in the older saloon tokens. The one that I have is the Elite Hotel Bar/San Antonio, Texas.

(15c) Gambrinns Hall/Houston, Texas - This is a real tough one in older Texas tokens, but with the price of coffee and everything else going up there should be quite a few 15c tokens from other states available.

(20c) Joekel & Williams/Giddings, Texas - This particular token was good for 20c drayage. Another hard one to find in Texas tokens.

(30c) 54 Drive In/Dalhart, Texas - Very hard to find from Texas.

(40c) Haslam Lumber Co./Haslam, Texas - See. 4c.

(80c) Haslam Lumber Co./Haslam, Texas - See. 4c.

($1.50) Grogan Manufacturing Co./Gladstell, Texas - This is the only $1.50 token I have ever seen. Several years ago this was a fairly common piece but has become harder to find.

($2.00) The Strawn Coal Mining Company/Strawn, Texas - This particular one is dated 1900 and is hard to come by. There are several other $2.00 tokens from Texas also.

($2.50) Columbian Club/Dallas, Texas. This is a very unusual denomination and hard to find.

($3.00) W. B. Martin Jarvis Co./Terrell, Texas - This is a premium token and is the only $3.00 token I have from Texas. However, this denomination is quite easily obtainable from Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska.

($5.00) C. F. Hellmuth/Belleville, Texas - This is a fairly easy one to get as quite a few of the merchants' sets include the $5.00 token.

($10.00) Moore Bros./Augusta, Texas - Harder to find than the $5.00, but can be found with a little patience.

The denominations that I have listed only scratch the surface of what is available, especially if you include tokens from any state in your unusual denomination collection.

Krause Issues New Guide Book

A comprehensive "**Guidebook of Franklin Mint Issues**" has been announced as the latest addition to the growing Krause Publications numismatic catalog line.

"We feel the new edition is sorely needed by the hobby," Chester L. Krause stated in announcing the new work. "It will provide collectors and dealers with accurate answers to the two questions most commonly asked about any numismatic item: How many pieces were struck? How much is it worth?"

Co-authored by Krause and Virginia Culver, ANA president, the Guidebook is scheduled for release in early October. It will be available through most coin shops and dealers handling numismatic references, or may be purchased direct from the publisher Krause Publications, Inc., Iola, Wisc 54945 at $6.50 per copy.

DEAR MOM - By Richard E. Bonilla Houston, Texas

R. E. BONILLA

Dear Mom,

The thing to remember about coin collecting is that you have to have p a t i e n c e. Why, even The Greatest M i n t That Ever Was makes y o u wait until March for the Christmas PNC that you ordered in October. PNC is collecting talk and, no matter what anybody says, it does not stand for "Please, No Crying."

Anyway, whenever collectors congregate, when the talk turns to deliveries, each has his own horror story. There was this collector who ordered 1973 bronze and silver American Revolution Bicentennial commemorative medals back in October 1973. He got his bronze medals in March of this year and the Post Office has orders to be extra patient with him until he receives his silver medals. Another collector developed paranoia and accused his wife of trying to drive him mad by hiding his 1973 Liberia proof set which he ordered in July and had not seen heads or tails, or - as we say in numismatic circles: obverse or reverse, by March of the following year. On his way to the hospital he was heard to mutter: "but it only takes nine months for a baby to be born." And another collector does not believe that there is a country named Nepal. He is sure that the orders for Nepalese proof sets are picked up and delivered by UFO's, which in this case stands for Unispired Fictitious Obfuscators. So, Mom, if you want to drive that wise guy brother of mine crazy, talk him into becoming a collector.

I happen to know that there is no truth to uncirculated rumors that the House is investigating these delays with an eye to connecting them to Watergate; however, a definite conspiracy seems to exist. It involves gremlins, those cute and imaginary individuals that take up where the leprechauns leave off. Anyway, at their recent convention they decided that, with all the hijackings, it was getting too dangerous to bug the airline passengers, and anyway the airlines were doing too good a job bugging the passengers without any gremlinian participation. So the gremlins looked around for a group of masochists already conditioned to being ripped off and that's when they discovered collectors.

You have to admire their rational. Here is a group that plunks down $10 for a clad 40% silver Ike dollar; that pays any kind of money for ounces of silver with something printed on them, that buys "coins" issued by foreign governments which often have no intention of putting them in circulation as legal tender; that will pay several times the face value of a group of coins. Why, Mom, a group like that could not possibly mind missed deliveries, broken promises and other assorted deviltry. So the gremlins placed themselves strategically in the Postal System, in the mints, in the dealers' offices, any place where they could bug the bewildered collector. And they are hav-

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U.S. & FOREIGN COLLECTING TIPS

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CASE OF THE FOUR STELLAS

This is a true story. Only the name of the owner of the four Stellas has been changed to protect the anonymity he has requested.

The year was 1961 The place was Beaumont, Texas. The people involved were Sid L. Smith, Miami, Fla. coin dealer, Pete Commo, Goldie and myself

I had known for some time that Pete owned a set of Stellas. He was then a man of about 35 and he had acquired the set in a card game when he was 19 I had tried unsuccessfully to buy the set from him but he refused He always used the same excuse - that I had known him for a long time and because of that long time acquaintance the connection would easily be presumed.

It was in New Orleans at a coin show that I first told Sid Smith of the set and the problem of buying it "Why don't I come over to Beaumont with a pocket full of money in cash and see if he won't sell the set to you through me?" Smith asked. The idea sounded good and I set up a meeting for about 10 days later in Beaumont.

Sid flew in with about $30,000 in cash on the appointed day. We planned a meeting in an Italian restaurant that had a private back room. When Pete met us there - Goldie and I said our hellos and then left.

By coincidence that was the first night that the Beaumont-based teletype was starting. I recall that most of the night the dealers were trying out their new play toy and sending personal messages to their corresponding buddies.

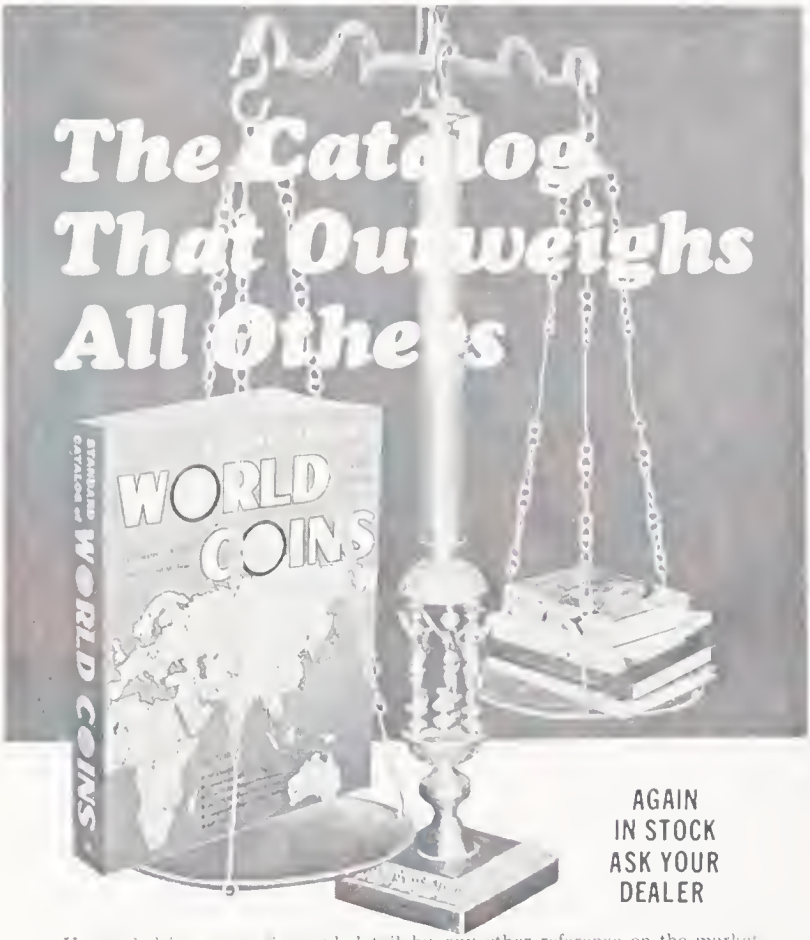
Goldie and I had over 300 rolls of five dollar gold pieces to sell. They were all Liberty fives. Our cost was $17.25 each and we were trying to sell them at $19 per unit. After about two hours on the tape, we didn't sell a single coin!

We returned to hear what happened. Sid said he put his $30,000 cash on the table and Pete set down his set of Stellas. Sid tried to reason that Pete could have a lot of cash and he could use that to help raise his children.

Pete countered with the argument that his job as a beverage truck driver made him a living such as it was. If he had that money in his safety deposit box he would nibble away at it every time he needed a few dollars and when he really needed the money to send his kids to college, it wouldn't be there. He correctly observed that the set of Stellas would always be worth $30,000 or more and he could sell them anytime.

Sid Smith said that while Pete and he were talking, Pete looked at the money for a long time - not picking it up but turning it by pushing an edge. Finally, he just shook his head - and picked up the Stellas and walked out.

The peace dollar carries a modern eagle perched on a rock. These were issued from 1921 to 1935.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FOREIGN COINS STILL BARGAIN

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What percentage of collectors in the United States prefers foreign coins? This question comes up often among groups of numismatists who have entirely different interests, yet it is possible to determine the approximate ratio of U.S. collectors to foreign collectors in a given area or region. This ratio varies sharply between such centers as Dallas, New York City, Chicago, Memphis, and Denver.

Where ethnic groups predominate, the demand for foreign coins is much greater than in large cities where the native-born residents are in a big majority. The prime interest of collectors in the southwest, mid-west, southeast and Rocky Mountain regions runs strongly to U.S. coins - possibly to the extent of 90 per cent.

However, among the wealthy collectors in any part of this country, U.S. coins are favored over the foreign items.

On strict balances, it would be safe to state that U.S. collectors are in a heavy majority, even with fewer coins to work with. It also is for this reason that many very old foreign coins with some scarcity are still available at low prices.

Possibly as many as a third of the U.S. prime collectors also have a limited interest in foreign coins. This group favors silver crowns, gold pieces and interesting historical items from past periods. Coins of one kind or another still available date back to 500 B.C. Coinage in Europe after 1600 was extensive in all metals.

Polish and Russian coins do not move readily in the southwest, where they sell well in New York and Chicago. Jewish coins are the latest to join in the popularity parade, both in the older and newer issues.

This emerging country has minted a large number of coins in all metals as a means of additional revenue through premium sales. Many commemoratives also have been coined to honor heroes of the immediate past.

Historical buffs still show a preference for the ancient coins of Greece, Rome and various near east regions, but their number is not relatively large. A presentable Roman coin of 50 A.D. may be acquired at a moderate price, especially those in bronze. Greek gold coins of about 330 B.C., the golden years, are very expensive in any condition. Silvers of the same period also are far from cheap.

Foreign silver coins of the approximate size of a U.S. silver dollar are known as crowns. They have become increasingly popular because of their considerable silver content. One that formerly brought a dollar now commands at least five times as much.

Most of the modern minor foreign coinage is considered trivia, much as our Lincoln cents or Jefferson nickels are of nominal value. The foreign silver pieces obviously have taken on a new attraction, but they are no longer being made for general circulation where the silver content is greater than the face value. The same problem confronted us in 1964, when we dropped all 90 per cent silver coins.

ERRORS DO CREEP IN

A surprisingly large number of persons closely observe all coins

reaching their purses. Such habitual scanning with many is a mere force of habit. With others, it is an intense search for mint errors, unintentional variations in design, scarce mint marks, or possibly a 90% silver coin still knocking around.

Numerous calls and letters usually follow press reports of mint misstrikes and error coins that have escaped into circulation through oversight of inspectors. The various mints frequently admit to striking errors that get by them and into normal circulating channels. It is seldom possible to pinpoint the number of misstrikes that get out before the errors are discovered. In exceptional cases it is likely that only one serious error coin escaped into circulation before the trouble was discovered and corrected. Obviously only one of each misstrike of this kind could ever be found. In other error situations, the mints have been able to closely examine the numbers of each that have found their way past inspectors. Distribution of misstrikes frequently is confined to a single region or area, since these errors seem to go out in limited batches.

A recent error admitted by the Treasury was the accidental striking of a number of 1971D quarters with the thickness of a dime. This misstrike was occasioned by the mixing of thin dime and thicker quarter clad planchets at the mint. A few very thick dimes were also struck on quarter planchets in the mixup of strips a few years back. Excessively thick and thin coins have appeared in circulation, much to the puzzlement of non-collectors who could not explain the irregularities. Where quarters are accidentally struck on dime planchets or blanks, all peripheral details are not shown. With the manufacture of billions of coins each year at U.S. mints, at least a few errors should be expected. The inspectors catch most of them but a few will get through.

Notable recent examples of error coins involved the distribution of a limited number of 1970S and 1971S proof sets. In the case of the former, the mint mark was ommitted from the dime, while the latter misstrike sets were released with the mint mark omitted from the nickel. Only a few sets each year got out, making them rather rare. Owners of proof sets of these two years might do well to examine the dimes and nickels released in error. They are valuable and in strong demand.

Several fake misstrikes in the past have been man-made outside the mint and have no special value. It is a felony to deface coins and offer them for sale as mint errors. Many of the genuine, slight variations found on coins are so minor they have little value as oddities. However, over the years the mint has distributed many famous misstrikes that have become valuable and interesting. The 1937D "3-legged" Buffalo nickel is a notable example. A few could still be around in circulation but the chance of finding one is perhaps a hundred million to one.

Mrs. Hallmark Dies Aug. 15

Services for Mrs. H. H. Hallmark, 79, were held August 17 in Wichita Falls. She died August 15 while visiting a daughter in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Hallmark was a past president of the Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club and was known as the club's Goodwill Ambassador. She was also active in the Symphony League, Musicians Club and the Grandmothers Club.

JUNIOR READIN' ROUNDUP

BY: DAVE CERVIN,
Amarillo, Texas

TNA Youth Chairman
ANA Texas Youth Representative

PLEASE NOTE ALL JUNIORS! ENTRY DEADLINE FOR THE MAXIMILIAN NUMISMATIC AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONTEST ON THE HABSBURG FAMILY HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 31! SO YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO GET YOUR MANUSCRIPT IN AND THE BEST OF LUCK TO ALL. REMEMBER, WHETHER YOU GET A PRIZE OR NOT, YOU EARN A ROMAN COIN FOR JUST ENTERING!

The Maximilian Society is furnishing the cash prizes and I am adding a coin of Philip I of Spain. This should be an opportune time to attribute the coin which means to translate the legends. Instinctively, the average junior might tend to shy away from such a scholarly procedure as to read and translate the Latin of a mediaeval coin. But remember, you do want to be more than just a coin collector. Sometime you would like to have added to your name the appellation of "numismatist." Besides, the intimate study of coins is more fun than the mere collecting of them, so bear with me in this thoughtful study of a coin struck by Philip the Handsome.

BRABANT - PATARD (1496-1499) — Struck by Philip (1478-1593) for Brabant. Philip was king of Spain only in 1506, the year he died, and thus brought the Habsburg lineage to Spain. Why is this coin in such poor condition? During these years, coins were used for their prime purpose, to buy things with and were almost never preserved for collections. Its original weight was 3.06 grams; present, 2.48. The lost weight is in intense usage.

First, look at the picture. Right away you will be inclined to say, "This is awful. How can a coin look so bad and still be collectible?" Here it is important to remember that this coin was struck about the time that Columbus discovered America. In these days there were, literally, no coin collectors. Coins served the sole purpose for which they were intended: as a medium of paying for items that were purchased. Compared to today, their quantity production was almost infinitesmally low. Thus they were used extensively, for over many years, much longer than now, and they accordingly took a hard beating. Those that have come down to us today in good condition were probably stashed away in castle vaults which were the banks of the day. So don't turn your nose up at it just because it not only appears to be but is, in fact, in quite poor condition.

First, let us examine the obverse which pictures a crown over a quartered shield. At the meeting of the

quarters is the Bohemian lion. The legend starting at one o'clock follows: plus PHS plus DEI plus GRA plus ARCHD plus AVSTRE plus DVC plus BR plus. Observe first that the legend is preceded by and ends with small crosses. Further every word is separated by a cross. It is hard to find any mediaeval coin that does not have at least two crosses, although the separation of words by crosses is the exception and not the rule. Now let us make a literal translation.

PHS	:	Philip
DEI	:	of God
GRA	:	Grace
ARCHD	:	Archduke
AVSTRE	:	Austria
DVC	:	Duke
BR	:	Brabant

Our translation is thus: Philip, by the Grace of God, Archduke of Austria, Duke of Brabant. Brabant would now be east Belgium and south Netherlands.

The reverse shows a highly floriated long cross. It may not look like a cross, but cross it is. It is a long cross because it extends to the extremeties of the coin. Crosses intercepted by inner circles are classed as short crosses. Mintmasters generally preferred the long cross for just who would clip the edges of a coin (to steal silver) if a cross were harmed? At least that was their theory. The legend on the reverse is: SIT plus NOMEN plus DOMN plus BENEDTV.

SIT	:	be
NOMEN	:	name
DOMN	:	Lord
BENEDTV	:	Blessed

This logically translates to: Blessed be the Name of the Lord

Note the unusual liberties taken by the designer. For example, **blessed** requires BENEDICTVM. But the ends of the floriated cross require so much space that several letters are left out. In particular the M at the end is omitted and it does seem that this ought to be there to make sense out of the word.

To the student of Latin it comes as no surprise that V is used instead of U. The Latin language just didn't have a U. Incidentally they never had a J either. "I" was used in its place. Julius Caesar is thus spelled IVLIVS.

The use of Bible verses on coins was very popular during mediaeval times. What do you think Henry VIII placed on his coins? Get a load of this: POSUI DEUM ADJUTOREM MEUM — which translates: **I have made God my Helper** (Psalm 54:4) Does anyone really believe that God helped Henry behead two of his six wives, or divorce all of the others except the last one who outlived him? The question is strictly rhetoric and doesn't need an answer.

Next we would like to know when the coin was struck. If it were dated the answer would be obvious. But with no date we must resort to a textbook analysis. Now there is just one complete book concerning the coinage of the Low Countries, and that would be Gelder-Hoe. It includes every coin struck from Philip the Good (1419-1467) to the mid-18th century. Each coin is numerically numbered in chronological order. By thumbing through the coinage of Philip the Handsome we see it illustrated and identified as: GH 112 - 1. It further states that it was issued during the period of 1496 - 1499, and was called a patard.

Next, we need to know its physical and observable characteristics. First it is silver though not of as pure a grade as we ordinarily encounter. (However it is much "purer" than the cupro-nickel alloy used in current U.S. dimes, quarters, halves and dollars. People in Philip's day would not have put up with such shenanigans.) It measures 28 millimeters in

diameter and weighs 2.48 grams. Again referring to Gelder-Hoc we observe that its original weight was 3.01 grams. This diminution of weight is readily explained by noting on the photographs the extensive surface wear. The orientation of the axis is about 45° measured counter-clockwise from the vertical. (This is more properly described as an angle of 135° when measured in the more conventional trigonometric way.)

You might now logically ask the question: What is it worth? There is a stock answer to the question of value whether the object be a coin, stamp, hippopotomus, or what have you. An object is worth no more than what you can get for it, or what it would take to buy it. These two figures are normally not the same, but they are usually close.

Before establishing a value let me throw out a challenge. Why don't you try and locate a coin of Philip during the next year? Check with your favorite coin dealers and at the bourse of your coin show. Read carefully the advertisements in numismatic periodicals. Just to locate one may prove quite a task. And when you do find one (and you will), the cost may prove prohibitive.

I estimate its value at $20.00. Depending upon condition its value could be anywhere from $15 to maybe $75. If dated, add 50% to these values. Regarding condition don't look for UNC. Such just probably don't exisit, at least not for sale. The best specimens are probably in the principal museums in the Low Countries, and that is where they are going to stay.

What have we learned by this study? Well, we have rather thoroughly attributed a coin of the late Middle Ages. And this, my friends, is numismatics at its best. When you study coins this way you may fairly be called an advanced numismatist. Maybe this isn't your cup of tea but thoughtful exposure to it will enhance your overall understanding of numismatics.

And let us not overlook today's prime purpose of this coin: it goes to the winner of the Maximilian Society's contest for juniors. So, good luck to all of you entrants.

Numismatic Burglar?

A $250 reward, and no questions asked, has been offered by Virgil Hancock in return for information leading to the return of the Nikon SMZ microscope (with 15-X eyepieces, and with a special scale in one eyepiece) which was stolen on the afternoon of September 16 from the Hancock home on Bellaire Boulevard.

"The microscope was the only item taken by the burglar, although a GE portable color TV was sitting next to the microscope," Hancock reported, and added, "Any ordinary burgular would have stolen the portable TV instead of the microscope, so it looks like some collector has become alerted to the existence of counterfeit and altered coins, or else some sharpie felt he could market his wares better if I didn't have my 'scope with which to examine his fakes."

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DEAR MOM —

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The column is a regular feature of TNA NEWS and is written by our youth chairman, Dave Cervin. Since being appointed to this job, Dave has worked hard and has met with considerable success, but he needs your help. Won't you join him in working with the young people in your area to get them interested in numismatics and to participate in our youth program?

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LATIN AMERICAN —
(Continued from page 6)

circulating in Costa Rica and Nicaragua still use a design resembling the Federation design.

Variations of designs featuring a sun rising over mountains can be seen in early gold coins struck in Ecuador, in gold escudos struck in 1837-1839 in the Republican State of South Peru, in silver two and four reals struck from 1843-1944 at the mint in Rioja Province Argentina, and in silver coins struck in Coquimbo, Chile from 1828-1834.

A common design which has appeared on Latin American coins, especially those of Central America is a large tree. This tree appeared on all coins struck by the Central American Federation (1824-1850.) This design appeared on five and ten peso gold coins struck in Monduras in 1871. This same type of tree appears in the national emblem of Peru and frequently appeared on gold coins struck at the mint in Cisco. The design also appears on some Bolivian gold coins.

Simon Bolivar, the liberator of South America, has been honored by many nations. This patriot played a major part during the revolutions against Spain. He led the forces of many nations and was able to get various factions to unite under him. Bolivar was convinced that the Spanish must be completely removed from all of South America before any nation would be free from all threats of future Spanish subjugation Bolivar has appeared on the coins of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela, and his portrait is now on the 20 Balboa piece in Panama.

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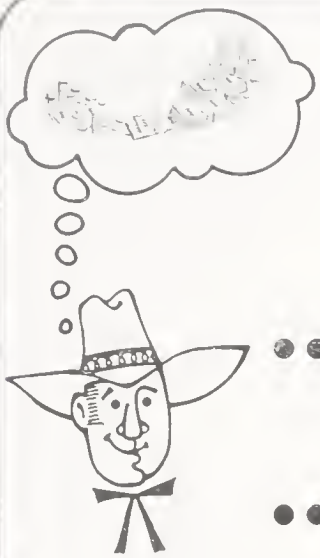

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OCTOBER 5-6

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OCTOBER 5-6

AMARILLO COIN CLUB show, Villa Inn Motel, 3618 Int. 40 E. **BOURSE:** Boyd Pipes, 1818 S. Virginia, Amarillo 79102.

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OCTOBER 6

DOS PESOS COIN CLUB show, College of Santa Fe, Onati Hall. **BOURSE:** Larry Birch, 404 Rosario, Santa Fe, N. Mex. 87501.

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OCTOBER 19-20

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OCTOBER 19-20

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1975 EVENTS

JAN. 31.-FEB. 2

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APRIL 11-13

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MAY 18-19

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TEXAS DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT ONE:

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Eight members of the **Graham Coin & Stamp Club** met at the home of G. S. Davison in August for a brief session. Jim Gilmore, president, presided. At the July meeting, TNA District Governor George Somers and Mrs. Somers were special guests.

Chilled watermelon was served by the hosts. - **Hellen Rust, Reporter.**

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Werner Pegg gave a program on foreign coins at the August meeting of the **Mineral Wells Coin Club** with 24 present at the North Oak Community Center.

Pegg covered coins of ancient times, the middle ages and modern. One fact pointed out was that many ancient coins were not dated, therefore the exact year of mintage can not be known but only approximated. He also mentioned that German coins minted during the mid 1300's were so thin that they were struck on one side only, and would disintegrate if struck on both sides. As time went on, inflation took place and bronze coins were introduced to replace silver coins. The Sunburst 50c piece was the first modern Japanese coin minted. It was explained that although this coin is very expensive it is possible to purchase a much older coin for a much lower price. Coins from Persia, Athens, Carthage, Rome, Germany, Greece and many other countries of the world were on display.

Pamphlets entitled "Fortune and Protection With Silver" were distributed explaining in detail five reasons that makes silver a sound investment. Attendance prizes were awarded to Carol Wesley, Mrs. Wm. Rust, Carol Whittington, Charles Verner and G. W. Somers. **—Mike Holub, Reporter.**

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DISTRICT THREE:

Bob Neely
Governor

A slide set "Odd and Curious Moneys" was shown to 17 members of the **Nolan County Coin Club** at the August meeting held at Texas Bank in Sweetwater.

During the business session, a discussion was held on plans for the Wildcat Show set for October 5-6. **—Vadie Nations, Sec.**

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Buz Sawyer of Abilene spoke to the 36 members attending the August meeting of the **San Angelo Coin Club** held at the Town House Motor Hotel. Sawyer talked about detecting counterfeit coins, especially cents. He said that the 1909-SVDB was the most altered coin and can be altered nine different ways. Means of detection have become better but so have the counterfeits. Sawyer closed by saying "Beware of bargains on key coins."

Final plans were announced for the September coin show. **—Verna Vau-**

train, Sec.

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DISTRICT FOUR:

Keith Johnson
Governor

Thirty seven attended the August meeting of the **Waco Coin Club** held at the Texas Power & Light Center. Announcement was made that a U.S. Secret Service agent would speak at the September meeting on the detection of counterfeit money. —**J. P. Jones, Sec.**

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Ray Kirkpatriek was the evening's speaker at the August meeting of the **Austin Coin Club**. He spoke on silver dollars.

Final plans were made for the September "Money Mart" and exhibit applications were distributed to those wishing to display. —**Lyman Bartee, Sec.**

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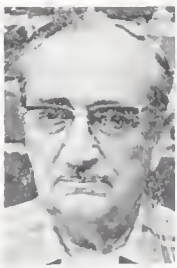

C. C. Andrews
Governor

The **Dallas Coin Club** welcomed 28 members and guests for its 555th meeting on August 15 and H. W. Verrman joined the club.

Brad Mills, introdueed by E. E Boone, spoke on "Numismatie History Repeats — What Now?" He reealled earlier hooms, or ripples, in the 1930s; another ripple started by wheeler-dealers in 1940 but it was stopped by World War II The early 1960s showed a boom that ran the full course fueled by collector temperament, speculator hysteria, press participation and a growing economy The present hoom, supported primarily by speculators, investment programs, touts, medals and ingots, plus inflation, is nearing its peak The eurrent topping out of commemoratives is a sign of peak conditions or at least a temporary lull in the advancement of priees, Mills stated.

Mills said that gold will continue to be the base and those interested in investment programs should be sure what is involved and generally avoid eurrent issues. Silver and gold will eontinue active; eopper is slow. Continued inflation may still bring on an aluminum cent. He stated that the 1950-D nickel is really not a short item but that the 1955-D quarter could possibly he a good item. BU date sets are good investments and proof sets are generally good for long term investment.

The speaker deseribed aa experience in Wyoming which happened a few years ago. The Army Fort near Cheyenne marked sundown each day by tiring a small cannon. The daily salvo was fired exactly at sundown as timed by the sergeant eonducting the ceremony. He was curious ahout the watch used by the sergeant. On inquiry, he learned that the watch was not too unusual, but that it was corrected daily by comparison with an extremely accurate clock maintained by a jeweler in Cheyenne Mills visited the jeweler's shop and he pointed out a tall, ornate grandfather clock as the accurate time piece. When asked about his method for correeting the clock, the jeweler explained "Every day out at the Fort they fire a eannon exactly at sundown!" —**C. C. Andrews, Sec.**

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During the month of August, members of the **Texomaland Coin & Stamp Club** devoted most of their attention to developing plans for their third annual coin show to be held in November Also, new Red Books wer

presented to the Denison, Sherman and Whitewright public libraries. — **Charles A. Wingo, Publicity.**

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The 122nd meeting of **Numismatics International** of Dallas was held August 21 at the Republic Savings and Loan Assn. building. Dr. Howard L. Ford had charge of the program and spoke on "Modern English Coinage."

An auction was planned for the September meeting. —**Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT SIX:

Marvin Currie
Governor

Future programs for the **Greater Houston Coin Club, Inc.** have been announced and include: "The Coin Market, Future & Past" for September; "To Clean a Coin" for October; "Coin Grading," November; and a Christmas party is planned for December. At the August meeting held at Southwestern Savings, 35 viewed a slide set entitled "Gold Type Set 1794-1933."

Leon Napoli Jr. and Michael Hunt were welcomed as new members. — **Colin Tuttle, Jr. - Gov. Dist. 6.**

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The program for the August meeting of **Galveston County Coin Club** of Texas City was given by Ruby Threlkeld and she talked on "ANA 1974 - Miami, Fla." It was reported to be the largest convention with over 10,000 registering. The exhibits were exceptionally good and Texas was well represented in the bourse area.

Mrs. Threlkeld was presented a plaque from the **Elongated Cent Club** for the history book she made for the club. She was elected as first vice president of the **Wooden Money Collectors** and presided over the meeting in the absence of the president. Members viewed elongated cents, mint coins, coin jewelry, books, first day covers and other gifts given to Mrs. Threlkeld at the convention.

Club members voted to have the annual Christmas party on December 16 at Nessler Civic Center. Attendance prizes were awarded to Carl Nessler, Christine Richardson and Claude Nessler. —**Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**

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Opal Akey talked on Ike dollars at the August 1 meeting of the **La Marque Coin Club** and used information from the 1975 Red Book. She displayed several to show the difference between the clad and silver dollars. Hugh Threlkeld and Eleanor Lehmann won the attendance award which were TNA medals.

Threlkeld acted as secretary-treasurer at the August 15 meeting in the absence of his wife, Ruby, who was attending the ANA convention. He also gave the program and spoke about his coin collection that is on display in the First National Bank in La Marque. He told of making up the display that holds over 200 countries in three frames which revolve so that each can be seen. Mrs. M. Mitchell served refreshments. — **Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**

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DISTRICT SEVEN:

Stating that he would be unable to regularly attend meetings and effectively pilot the club due to his job keeping him out of town many of the coming months, Lee Grossman informed the **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio that he was resigning as club president. Bob Krocker was appointed to fill the presidency post and Andy Holds, junior member, was named to serve as first vice president.

The first meeting in August fea-

tured a 50-lot auction which included everything from medals to a 100 quintillion Pengo Hungarian note. At the second meeting of the month comments were made by different members on their favorite numismatic experience. Marcus Brown, Gerald Gibbs and Freeman Craig related their experiences at the recent ANA convention. Other members sharing their numismatic favorites were Ted Carmack, Ilse Griffith, Richard Bronson, Bob Krocker and Lee Grossman. —**Charles S. Kammer, Sec.**

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DISTRICT EIGHT:

The 13th annual coin show will be presented October 19-20 by the **Liberty Coin Club** at Expositron Hall in Corpus Christi. Clarence Davis is general chairman and may be reached at Box 7001, Corpus Christi 78415.

John C. Face
Governor

Recently Clarence and Helen Davis showed slides of their trip aboard ship to San Juan, Puerto Rico, Aruba Venezuela, San Lucia and St Thomas and back to San Juan. They stated that Aruba has to import all of their food and make their drinking water from sea water. They reported high prices in all stops.

Wayne Harris, at the August 13 meeting, spoke on his trip to ANA Headquarters for the educational seminar. Classes included ancient coins, medieval coins, photography, Colonial and early American coins, grading of coins and paper money and altered and counterfeit coins. The class on the latter subject was conducted by Charles Hoskins and it was announced that the ANA Certification Service has 27 experts in different categories to consult on submitted coins. Counterfeits are becoming more and more sophisticated and very difficult to detect. —**Club Bulletin.**

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Nineteen members were present for the August 6 meeting of the **Corpus Christi Coin Club** held at the Wilson Tower. A talk was given by Lee Grossman on Canada's Victory nickel. He stated that owing to the scarcity of nickel, Canada issued in 1942 a

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At the August 20 meeting with 14 members attending. Officer Victor Budd of the Corpus Christi Police Dept. gave a presentation and film on how to protect your home from burglars. It was noted that there were several simple and economical things one could do to discourage burglars.

A barbecue supper was planned for September 20 at the home of Norma Mather and it was announced that Calvin Lorfing would give a program on large cents at the next meeting. **—Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT NINE:

D O. Joplin
Governor

Oneil Rockey gave a talk on Wheat Lincoln cents at the August meeting of the **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock. Rockey said he gave a day's wages in 1933 for a 1909-SVDB.

Eighteen attended the meeting held at First Federal Savings & Loan. **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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"The One Dollar Note" was the subject for a program given by Gober

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Pitzer, junior member, at the August meeting of the **Levelland Coin Club** held at the Chamber of Commerce building. Twelve attended the meeting.

Jim Hall showed and narrated a slide set by Seaby. Pitzer and Hall were presented TNA Achievement certificates for their work on programs. Oneil Rockey won the attendance prize.—**D.O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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The Seaby slide set on commemorative coins was presented by Jim Hall at the August meeting of the **Lamb County Coin Club** in Littlefield. The session was held at the Reddy room with 14 present.

An assortment of sets and coins were selected for attendance prizes for the year. The August prize went to Gus Clark. —**D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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DISTRICT TEN:

The **International Coin Club** of El Paso held weekly meetings each Thursday in August with the first one devoted to an auction. Much numismatic literature was featured. A slide program on world crowns was presented on August 29.

Phil Shutt
Governor

The club lost several military members due to transfer to overseas stations. The club wishes them well and look forward to their speedy return —**Phil Shutt, Gov. Dist. 10.**

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DISTRICT THIRTEEN:

John Bindel, head of management and training of the U.S. Postal Service in Wichita Falls presented a film "We Have Come a Long Way" and told of the services and material offered to stamp collectors or anyone interested in the philatelic hobby. The program was presented at the August meeting of the **Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club** held at Beverly Drive United Methodist Church. Bindel was assisted by Jim Talley in presenting prizes and selling recently issued stamps.

W. C. Williams
Governor

The youth members of the church served refreshments to 35 members and guests. New members include Bindel, Allen Moody, Otis O. Burcalow and Paul Hull. Prizes were awarded to Logan Essex, Roy Thompson, Roger Paulk, M. L. Goolsby, John Barnhart, Pat Boruff, Mrs. G. M. Howard, Jeffrey Rosenburg, Jim Beasley and Rev. E. S. Poore — **Mrs. G. M. Howard, Publicity.**

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DISTRICT FOURTEEN:

Announcement was made by Annette Fortson, club president, that attendance did not increase and more interest showa that the **Willacy County Coin Club** would disband within the next three months.

L. G. Davenport
Governor

The August meeting was held at the Dew Drop Inn in Lyford.

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Final plans were made for the September 15 coin show sponsored by the **Port Isabel Coin Club** at the September meeting held at the City Hall.

Exhibits and short talks were presented by Don Pruitt, Miriam Gilmore and Karen Davidhizar, junior member. **—Miriam Gilmore, Reporter.**

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John Chisum read a report on the ANA convention submitted by Fred Brooks, club ANA representative, at the September meeting of the **Hidalgo Coin Club** held at Chisum's Rock & Hobby Shop in Pharr. Brooks was unable to attend the meeting.

Plans were discussed for placing numismatic displays during November in the Porter Doss Memorial Library in Weslaco and presenting an educational program on November 10 during open house 2 to 5 p.m.

Exhibiting displays at the meeting were Ed Bruner, Miriam Gilmore and Ada Lee Chisum. **—Miriam Gilmore, Reporter.**

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NEIGHBOR CLUBS:

The 12th annual Cajun Coinival hosted by the **Lafayette Coin Club** will be held October 20 at the Municipal Auditorium hallroom in Lafayette, La. There will be five exhibit cataegories. U.S. coins, foreign coins, tokens and medals, miscellaneous and juniors. For more information contact the club at Box 3888, Lafayette, La.

To commemorate the show, the club will strike special wooden nickels to be given to visitors during the show **—Club Bulletin.**

Almanzar Acquires Publishing Rights

Almanzar's Coins of the World has obtained complete publishing and authorship rights to **"Pillars & Portraits,"** a book on Spanish American silver coins from 1732 to 1826. This book, previously authored by Robert P. Harris, has been a popular one and is now sold out in its second edition.

Al Almanzar, president of the San Antonio based firm, is knowledeable in the field of colonial coins of the Americas and will undertake the authorship of the third edition which is planned for release in mid 1975. The new edition will include price revisions, previously unlisted dates and major varieties discovered by Almanzar. A new code numbering system strictly by denomination will be introduced, new photographs will be added and some photos will be replaced.

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BELLAIRE COIN CLUB, 2nd and 4th Tuesday, Southwestern Savings Bldg., 5301A Bissonnet.

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CENTRAL TEXAS COIN CLUB, 3rd Tuesday, Room A, Coliseum, Brownwood.

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BROWNSVILLE COIN CLUB, 2nd Tuesday, First National Bank.

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ORANGE COIN CLUB, 1st Monday, Community Hall, Barton and 21st Sts.

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GREATER PORT ARTHUR COIN CLUB, 4th Thursday, Bonanza Pit.

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KEY CITY COIN CLUB, 4th Tuesday, Citizen's Bank, Abilene.

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GARLAND COIN CLUB
2nd Tuesday, Garland Lions Club International.

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NUMISMAT I C S INTERNATIONAL, 3rd Wednesday, Republic Savings & Loan Assn., Dallas.

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LAMB COUNTY COIN CLUB
4th Tuesday, Reddy Room, Southwestern Public Service Bldg., Littlefield.

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3rd Monday, Girard Park Recreation Center, Lafayette, La.

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WILLACY COUNTY COIN CLUB
3rd Tuesday, Dew Drop Inn, Lyford.

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BEAUMONT COIN CLUB
3rd Thursday, First Security National Bank, 5th floor.

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LEVELLAND COIN & STAMP CLUB, 3rd Tuesday, Chamber of Commerce Building.

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BY ARNOLD MARGOLIS

Frosted proof coins are created by two distinctly separate processes. In one process, there is a deliberate action to create the "frost" by careful sandblaasting all the depressed areas of the die. The sandblasting technique intentionally introduces roughness, removes detail and makes the die less exact in its reddition of the original art work.

The other process is the one which creates frosted coins every so often in United States proof coin sets.

When the die is made from the hub, it picks up all the minute eccentricities of surface detail which were put there as a result of the master die gettting it from the Janvier machine. In other words, the fine detail is carried through from the plastilene model right to the working die by care and meticulous workmanship. The relief portions of the die are necessarily "rough" and textured as the original model was. When proof dies are made, great care is taken to retain every last bit

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Now as the story goes, there also lived in Frankfort, Germany—where Meyer Asmschell lived in the Ghetto—the great and pompous William of Hesse, Elector of Hanover. He was a coin collector too. One day when the Elector could not find a certain old coin for his collection, he sent his servant to the Rothschilds to see if the boy had it. The servant returned with the wanted coin and from that day on they began to trade coins.

Slowly their mutual interest in the hobby bridged the social gap which separated the Ghetto from the palace, and before many years had passed, Meyer became the trusted friend and financial advisor of the Elector of Hanover, and he founded one of the greatest fortunes in the world—and it all began with a hobby.—**Pelbe.**

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WHAT CAUSES FROSTED —

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of this detail. Then the field portions of the die are polished. This increases the contrast between the relief portions (rough surfaces) and the field portions (mirror smooth).

When the brand new die is used in the hand operated press at maximum pressures, these details are transferred to the planchet in absolue fidelity. Then as the die is used, these roughnesses are flattened down by the pressures of repeated use. It is known that after about 30-50 strikes of proof coins, the relief areas flatten down until they too, appear smoother. Then they assume the mirror look.

(I have specimens of varying degrees of frosting which bears out the fact that the dies "wear" down so that everything is flatter and smoother in the older die.)

In my opinion, the first strike, high frosted proof from the U.S. mints, is the only true example of absolute perfection in a coin of the U.S. The rest are "less than perfect" in some respect. The U.S. mints DO NOT sandblast the proof dies. The last time they did was back in the early 1900s and they were called Matte Proofs. They weren't popular because they sanded the fields also, giving them a peculiar "circulated look."

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